CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

re: eviction of Harijan tenants at Indiranagar Bangalore

Sri J. P. SARWESH (Sirsum).— I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the situati n created due to the forcible attempt of the landlord to evict Harijan tenants at Subedar Gardens, Indira Nagar, Bangalore.

Sri H.M. CHANNABASAPPA Minister for Public Works On behalf of the Hon'ble Chief Minister I with to make the following Statements.—

Shri Ramaswamy Reddy, retired Captain, No. 1 Subedar Garden' Binnamangala, Bangalore, is owning about 4 acres and 24 guntas garden land attached to his house. There are 21 small houses which are let out for rent on a monthly rent of Rs. 25/- to Rs. 45/-. Out of 21, 4 tenants are of Scheduled Caste. of these 4 tenants, 2 tenants Shriyuths Ramu and Gopal have no complaints against the owner. The other 2 tenants Sriyuths Hanumanthan and Jayasheelan (Scheduled Caste) and Anthony are not in good terms with the owner. It is learnt that during 1973, the owner demanded the tenants to vacate the houses as he intended to demolish the existing structures and to put up new buildings in their place.

In this connection Shri Ramaswamy Reddy filed Civil Suits against the tenants for vacating the houses in O. S. No 249, 251, 253 and 894/75 on the file of the Additional Munsiff Magistrate, Bangalore. The tenants Shriyuths Hanumanthan and Jayasheelan also filed cases against Shri Ramaswamy Reddy with the House Rent Controller, Bangalore and Additional Munsiff Magistrate, Bangalore in O. S. No 273, 274 and 276/73 and 1601, 1602 and 1603/75. These cases are pending trial. Since then Shri Hanumanthan and others are including in the complaints against the landlord.

The complaint from Shri Hanumanthan and others against the landlord on 24-2-1976 did not disclose any cognizable offence. However, on 25-2-1976 both Hanumanthan and Jayasheelan were secured at Indiranagar Police Station and a thorough enquiry was made It disclosed that on 24-2-1976 at 2. 45 P.M. the landlord and his family members abused them as untouchables and also obstructed and wrongfully restrained in front of his house. Hence, a case in Indiranagar Police Station Cr No. 55/75 under Section 7 (1) (b) and (c) of U. T. Act read with 341 IPC was registered against the landlord and 6 other members of his family, who were arrested and later released.

On verification of the records, it is seen that the complaints received on 21-5-1972, 26-9-1973, 26-9-1974 were duly enquired into. Since they did not disclose any cognizable offence, both the parties were warned against any breach of peace On 1-8-1973, no complaint was received. But the beat Police Constable on patrol duty in the area found Shri Hanumanthan and Shri Mahalingam Son of the landlord quarelling in a public place. So both were prosecuted under section 160 IPC. Later on both the parties were warned by Metropolitan Magistrate, VI Court, Bangalore. Actually no complaints were received on 29-6-1972, 16-9-1975 and 9-1-1976. The complaint dated 27-2-1976 is the same given on 24-2-1972 on which action was taken.

The landlord has warned against any breach of peace in the vicinity. The beat Police Constables were alerted to keep a close watch on the developments, if any, to take preventive action. The police have acted in accordance with law.

SRI J. P. SARWESH.— I want to know whether the Government has taken any steps to take security from both the parties for good behaviour.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— There was no necessity for that.

Seventh Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings.

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY (Chamundeshwari).— Madam Speaker, I beg to present the 7th report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation-Refreshment and Retirement Room at Central Bus Station, Mysore.

MADAM SPEAKER.— The report is presented.

Karnataka Municipal Corporations Bill 1975,as reported by the J.S.C.

Motion to Consider

(Debate Continued)

† SRI K. PUTTASWAMY (Chamundeshwari).— Madam Speaker, at the outset I would like to express my grateful thanks to the House for allowing me to speak quite at length on this subject. There are one or two matters which I would like to refer to-day for the kind consideration of the Hon Minister, Madam Speaker, we all know how the Corporations function. In addition to the Statute there will be rules, bye-laws, regulations and standing orders on the matters that the Corporations is called upon to deal with the day-to-day life of the citizens. Therefore, they will have to be very very alert and the law that we enact to-day may not be adequate to meet the situation